

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action of June 3, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of producing a vehicle mat comprising the steps of:  
providing a sheet of thermoplastic material, said sheet having a first and  
second side, said second side having a plurality of nibs extending therefrom;  
locating said sheet in proximity with a contoured molding tool having one or  
more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, said first side  
directed toward said sidewall and top surface of said tool and said second side  
directed away from said tool;  
heating said sheet; and  
drawing said sheet toward said tool until said sheet is substantially shaped to  
the contour of said sidewall and said top surface of said tool.

9. (Amended) A method of producing a plastic vehicle mat comprising the steps

of:

extruding a sheet of thermoplastic material between a pair of rollers wherein  
one of said rollers has a plurality of indentions to form nibs on a first side of the  
sheet;

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locating said sheet in proximity with a contoured male molding tool having one or more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, said

first side directed away from said tool;

heating said sheet to a plastic state; and

drawing said sheet toward said male molding tool until said sheet is substantially shaped to correspond to the contour of said sidewall and said top surface of said tool.

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13. (Amended) A method of producing a part comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet of thermoplastic material, said sheet having a first and second side, said second side having a plurality of ribs extending therefrom;

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locating said sheet in proximity with a contoured molding tool having one or more sidewalls that extend upwardly from a flat base and a top surface, said first side directed toward said sidewall and top surface of said tool and said second side directed away from said tool;

heating said sheet; and

drawing said sheet toward said tool until said sheet is substantially shaped to the contour of said sidewall and said top surface of said tool.

#### Remarks

In response to the Office action dated June 3, 2002, a reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested based upon the following remarks and amendments. Claims 1, 9 and 13 have been amended and claims 6 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7-18 and 20 remain pending in the application.